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In re Application of Morrison, et al.
Application No. 10/045,657
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For: TISSUE SEPARATOR ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

## Dear Sir:

You are named as an inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

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